



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

MAR 12 2009

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

(AR-18J)

Phillip Shopodock, Chairman
Forest County Potawatomi Community
P.O. Box 340
Crandon, Wisconsin 54520

Dear Chairman Shopodock:

In April 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency finalized the Class I redesignation for certain Forest County Potawatomi (FCP) parcels. Therefore, we are writing to you to notify the FCP of a proposed Prevention of Significant Determination permitting action by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for the Michigan Iron Nugget LLC facility near Palmer, Michigan. The application requests the installation and operation of an iron nugget production facility. The site is approximately 140 kilometers northeast of the FCP reservation.

We have enclosed a copy of the notice MDEQ has provided to us as well as a copy of the permit application materials. It is our understanding that MDEQ has not yet drafted a permit for review and comment. As soon as EPA receives a copy of the draft permit, we will forward that to you. After you have had an opportunity to review the materials, if you have any concerns or comments on potential impacts to the Class I area, please feel free to provide them to EPA.

If you have any questions about the materials, or wish to further discuss any concerns you may have with this project, please feel free to contact me. Additionally, your staff may contact Constantine Blathras at (312) 886-0671.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela Blakley".

Pamela Blakley, Chief
Air Permits Section

Enclosures

cc: Natalene Cummings, Air Quality Specialist
Forest County Potawatomi Community